



MICHIVAN Commuter Vanpools

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***“the nation’s oldest and largest
commuter vanpool provider”***

MichiVan is a program developed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and administered by VPSI, Inc., the nation’s oldest and largest commuter vanpool provider.

What Is a Vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of commuters who choose to ride to and from work each day in a comfortable passenger van.

One person volunteers to be the Primary Driver of the van. MichiVan allows the driver to ride for **free** in exchange for taking the van for washes, scheduled or unscheduled maintenance, and providing quarterly reports as required by MDOT. The driver may also use the vehicle for personal purposes after work and on weekends up to 200 miles per month.

Riders are assessed a monthly fee that can be paid by the rider, the employer or a combination of both. Riders usually meet at a pick-up location, such as a carpool parking lot or a shopping center. There may be more than one pick-up or drop-off point. Of course, the fewer stops the faster you’ll get to work and home again.

No Long-Term Commitments

You’ll like the popular “thirty-day, pay-as-you-go” program. To end participation simply submit a written thirty (30) day notice prior to the 1st day of the month in which you wish to terminate.

Vehicles

The MichiVan fleet offers a diverse selection of vans ranging from 7 passenger minivans to 15 passenger full-size vans. MichiVan prides itself on offering two luxury commuter vans (10 and 15 passenger models) with a center aisle, individual reading lights and running boards to ensure safety when entering and leaving the van.



Find a Route

We have existing vanpools in our fleet. Log onto **www.michivan.com** to search for routes. Receive program information or ask questions about joining a vanpool by calling MichiVan toll-free at **1.800.Van.Ride**.

Start a Vanpool

STEP 1 If you have an interested group, skip to Step 2. Otherwise, register your interest with your local rideshare organization (LRO). LROs provide free matching services that link people who live and work in the same vicinity and have similar work hours. Information can be obtained by calling MichiVan or logging onto **www.michiganrideshare.org** and clicking on the “Rideshare Office Locator Map” link.

STEP 2 Call MichiVan and request an application and additional information to be sent to you. A MichiVan representative is available to meet with you.

STEP 3 Determine who will be the Primary and Alternate Drivers*.

STEP 4 Figure out the number of miles you travel to work one-way from your first meeting point to your final work destination.

STEP 5 Set a delivery date with a MichiVan representative and you’ll be on your way to vanpooling!

***In order to operate a MichiVan vehicle each driver must secure prior written approval from a MichiVan representative.**

EMPLOYEE SPONSORED VANPool

“Don’t worry about traffic, vehicle reliability or getting to work on time.”

Vanpooling is an excellent alternative to driving alone. Don’t worry about traffic, vehicle reliability or getting to work on time. The time spent riding instead of driving to work can be used in productive ways.

Fixed Monthly Fee

Don’t worry about fluctuating commuting costs. We’ll guarantee a low fixed monthly rate as long as minimum ridership is maintained on your van.

Convenient

Drivers and passengers follow a route and schedule they decide upon together. While riding to work you can take a nap, read the paper or engage in conversation.

Affordable

Most vanpoolers save money by sharing the ride. You avoid wear and tear on your car and prolong its life. You also save on gas, maintenance and insurance, and in many cases avoid the high cost of paid parking.

Reliable

We provide comfortable passenger vans outfitted to ensure reliability and safety. If the vehicle needs maintenance or repairs, charges are billed to MichiVan...there are no out-of-pocket costs! Service is easy with our Preventive Maintenance Coupon Book and our Vehicle Maintenance Hotline.

Monthly Passenger Fares

ONE-WAY MILEAGE CATEGORY	7 PASSENGER FORD MINIVAN	8 PASSENGER GMC SAFARI	10 PASSENGER FORD SPLIT BENCH	15 PASSENGER FORD SPLIT BENCH
0-30	\$45*	\$45*	\$45	\$45
31-60	\$95	\$80	\$65	\$50
61-90	\$185	\$120	\$110	\$80
91-120	\$225	\$185	\$140	\$90
121+	Pricing to be determined.			
Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004 Pricing** (Sales Tax, Parking and Fuel Fees Are Additional)				

*Seven and eight passenger vans may be switched by MichiVan to 10 or 15 passenger vans if demand along a route is present. If the Volunteer Driver does not desire to move to a larger vehicle monthly pricing will be increased as follows: 7 Passenger - \$95 per month/8 Passenger - \$80 per month.
**Monthly fares will not be pro-rated.

Minimum Ridership Requirements

VAN MODEL	MINIMUM RIDERSHIP INCLUDING DRIVER	If a vanpool group falls below the minimum level, MichiVan will assist the group in recruiting additional riders. If ridership levels remain below required levels for longer than a 30-day period, MichiVan will discuss with the group the option of switching to a smaller vehicle or terminating agreements and carpooling until additional riders are recruited.
7 Passenger	5	
8 Passenger	6	
10 Passenger	7	
15 Passenger	10	

EMPLOYER SPONSORED VANPool

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Attracting and retaining good employees is one of your major business concerns. Not getting the employees you want and need, or losing them over work site access, parking or commute length can be expensive, time-consuming and unnecessary.

Pricing

Employers can lease vehicles for a fixed monthly price. Minimum ridership levels do not apply. Drivers must meet MichiVan criteria.

Tax Incentives

Under the federal Commuter Choice Program, employers may provide



up to \$100 a month in actual eligible transportation costs to an employee.

This can be done by purchasing CommuterBucks. Ask a MichiVan representative for more details.

Expand Your Labor Market

Recruit from a larger geographic area by offering employees vanpool access to your workplace.

Reduce Your Parking Requirement

Vanpools can prevent parking lot “creep” as your workforce grows. It may also be less expensive than paying for spaces in parking garages.

Retain Employees During Work Site Relocation

Vanpooling can enable you to keep employees who might otherwise leave your workforce in the event of a relocation.

Monthly Employer Pricing

ONE-WAY MILEAGE CATEGORY	7 PASSENGER FORD MINIVAN	8 PASSENGER GMC SAFARI	10 PASSENGER FORD SPLIT BENCH	15 PASSENGER FORD SPLIT BENCH
0-30	\$570	\$560	\$405	\$630
31-60	\$570	\$560	\$585	\$700
61-90	\$1,110	\$840	\$990	\$1,120
91-120	\$1,350	\$1,295	\$1,260	\$1,260
120+	Pricing to be determined.			
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Map It Out!

Cluster analysis is a method of locating individual employees geographically in relation to each other and to their workplace. This tool is primarily used to form vanpools but also provides valuable information encouraging carpools and promoting public transportation where available. This information can also be used to examine ways you can expand your labor pool by targeting geographic recruitment areas.



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